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FOR : **A NOVEL GENE FOR CONTROLLING LEAF
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 26, 2005, in this patent application, Applicants request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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